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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that this is one of the causes for the present housing shortage?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" We cannot help it, Sir. When it is absolutely necessary that we must have some office in a particular locality, say for instance, for the location of a ration office, we cannot but requisition private buildings and convert them into non-residential buildings. But such cases are very rare, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government examine again how many residential houses have been converted for non-residential purposes, and whether it would not be possible for the Government to release such houses for residential accommodation again?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" I can assure the hon. Member, Sir, that such houses will be only very small in number, and wherever it is possible to release them for residential purposes, we shall certainly do so."

Allegations against the agent for import of sugar.

* 20 Q.—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are allowing sugar to be imported and sold in excess of the ration, at a very high price, by an agent;

(b) if so, who the agent is; and

(c) the reasons that prompted the Government to appoint him as agent?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (a) No.
" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Opening of High Schools in Penukonda taluk, Anantapur district.

* 21 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction issued orders for the opening of high schools both at Kothacheruvu and Bukkapatnam in Penukonda taluk of Anantapur district; and

(b) whether the Government have cancelled the said orders and, if so, for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) The Director accorded permission for the opening of a high school at Bukkapatnam subject to conditions and informed the President, District Board, that the Director would have no objection to a school at Kothacheruvu also if the District Board's finances would permit it.